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## GOVERNMENT OF GOA

### EXTRAORDINARY

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Legislature Department

#### Notification

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In exercise of the powers conferred on him by Rule-127 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Legislative Assembly of Goa, the Speaker has ordered publication of the following Bill for general information.

#### The Goa Old Age Pension Bill, 1989

(Bill No. 1 of 1989)

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#### BILL

*to provide for the payment of pension as a means of sustenance to old persons:*

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Goa in the fortieth year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title, extent and commencement.*— (1) This Act may be called the Goa Old Age Pension Act, 1988.

2. It extends to the whole of the State of Goa.

3. It shall come into force on such date as the Government may by notification, in the Official Gazette appoint.

2. *Definitions.*—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "Government" means the Government of Goa;

(b) "old person" means a person who has completed the age of 65 years;

(c) "pension" means periodical payment made by the Government for the purpose of providing means of sustenance to old persons;

(d) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act.

3. *Persons entitled to old age pension.*—The Government shall grant pension to all the old persons, who apply for its except the persons of the following category or such other category as may be prescribed:—

(a) persons enjoying grant of pension from the Central Government or any State Government or any other local authority, Corporation, private firms, or person, where such pension is more than the pension fixed under this Act;

(b) persons having an income of more than the pension fixed under this Act;

(c) persons who are entitled for maintenance under any law in force and when such maintenance is more than the pension fixed under this Act;

(d) persons whose only son or any of the sons is carrying more than rupees five hundred per mensem.

4. *Quantum of pension.*—The amount of pension shall be such as may be fixed by a committee to be appointed by the Government.

5. *Revision of pension.*—The pension fixed under this Act may be revised if considered necessary at the end of every five years.

6. *Power to make rules.*—The Government may by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

## Statement of Objects and Reasons

Old people having no capacity to earn, or being properly maintained otherwise, suffer the most these days because the old family ties and joint family system are breaking under stress of modern civilization. It is not uncommon to find such people living as destitutes and at the mercy of individuals. In accordance with the spirit embodied in the Directive Principles of the Constitution, it is desirable that the Government should make provision for the maintenance of such old people.

This Bill is designed to achieve this purpose.

## Financial Memorandum

It is not possible to give the financial implications of the implementation of the Bill as it is not known how many old persons will apply for pension and what will be the quantum of monthly pension.

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